



Date: August 18, 2006

Subject: **PUBLIC NOTICE - Draft Sand Dam Village Pond Town Beach Bacteria TMDL Available for Public Comment**

PUBLIC COMMENTS ACCEPTED UNTIL 4 PM ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2006

Dear Interested Party or Stakeholder:

The "Draft Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Study for Bacteria in Sand Dam Village Pond Town Beach" is now available for public review and comment on the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services website at http://www.des.state.nh.us/wmb/tmdl/draft_tmdl.html. A copy of the report is also available for review at the Troy Town Hall.

This report was prepared in response to elevated bacteria levels measured in the Sand Dam Village Pond Town Beach swimming area which have resulted in postings or closures of the beach for swimming. The report includes a discussion of the likely sources of bacteria and recommendations to reduce bacteria loads so that the beach can be opened for swimming on a more frequent basis, and hopefully at all times.

Comments will be accepted until 4 pm on September 18, 2006. Only written comments will be accepted. All comments must include the name of the TMDL, the date and contact information (your name, address, phone, e-mail, and organization).

Comments can be mailed to:

TMDL Program
NHDES Watershed Management Bureau
29 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95
Concord, NH 03301
Attention Margaret P. Foss, TMDL Coordinator

or sent by email to TMDL@des.state.nh.us.

For convenience, a form for submitting comments is available at www.des.state.nh.us/wmb/TMDL/commentform.htm; use of the form is optional.

If you have any questions about the report, please contact Margaret Foss, NHDES TMDL Coordinator at (603) 271-5448 or via email at mfoss@des.state.nh.us.